

In the Claims:

A complete listing of claims in the instant application is provided below as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled configuration, said bundled configuration defining a substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially solid structure;

first means for maintaining said bundled configuration with said first means and said plurality of projectiles coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an integral structural element that bears loads generated when said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target; and

second means within said bundled configuration for, in a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein said plurality of projectiles are released from said bundled configuration into a surrounding environment, said second means comprising at least one explosive charge.

1 2. (Original) (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in
2 claim 1 wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a
3 core projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles
4 distributed radially about said core projectile.

1 3. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 1
2 wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1 4. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 1
2 wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a
3 projectile shape.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

2 a plurality of individually explosive projectiles
3 arranged in a bundled configuration, said bundled
4 configuration defining a substantially solid structure with
5 each of said plurality of projectiles forming a geometric
6 portion of said substantially solid structure;

7 first means for maintaining said bundled configuration
8 with said first means and said plurality of individually
9 explosive projectiles coupled together to form, in a unitary
10 mode of operation, an integral structural element that bears
11 loads generated when said bundled configuration strikes and
12 penetrates a target; and

13 second means within said bundled configuration for, in
14 a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said
15 first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein
16 said plurality of individually explosive projectiles are
17 released from said bundled configuration into a surrounding
18 environment.

1 7. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6
2 wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a core
3 projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles
4 distributed radially about said core projectile.

1 8. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6
2 wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1 9. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6
2 wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a
3 projectile shape.

1 10. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6
2 wherein said second means comprises at least one explosive
3 charge.

1 11. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

2 a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled
3 configuration, said bundled configuration defining a
4 substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of
5 projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially
6 solid structure;

7 first means for maintaining said bundled configuration
8 with said first means and said plurality of projectiles
9 coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an
10 integral structural element that bears loads generated when
11 said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target;
12 and

13 second means within said bundled configuration for, in
14 a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said
15 first means inoperative before a target is struck, said
16 second means further coupled to at least a portion of said
17 plurality of said projectiles for expelling each of said
18 projectiles from said bundled configuration into a
19 surrounding environment.

1 12. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11
2 wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a core
3 projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles
4 distributed radially about said core projectile.

1 13. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11
2 wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1 14. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11
2 wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a
3 projectile shape.

1 15. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11
2 wherein said second means comprises at least one explosive
3 charge.

1 16. (New) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

2 a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled
3 configuration, said bundled configuration defining a
4 substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of
5 projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially
6 solid structure, said plurality of projectiles comprising a
7 core projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles
8 distributed radially about said core projectile;

9 first means for maintaining said bundled configuration
10 with said first means and said plurality of projectiles
11 coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an
12 integral structural element that bears loads generated when
13 said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target;
14 and

15 second means within said bundled configuration for, in
16 a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said
17 first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein
18 said plurality of projectiles are released from said bundled
19 configuration into a surrounding environment.